

Merrick County Board Minutes



July 22, 2014

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at 9:10 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Helgoth, Jefferson, Kucera, Hahn, Weller and Wiegert present. Also present was County Attorney Lynelle Homolka.

Moved Kucera, second Jefferson to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:10 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publications in the Republican Nonpareil and The Palmer Journal and on the Merrick County website. Proof of publication is filed in the Clerk's Office. Copies of the agenda were mailed to each Supervisor and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

Chairman Wiegert declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:10 a.m.

Agenda: Moved Jefferson, second Kucera to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Minutes: Weller wanted to know if they could make a correction to the minutes from May 12, 2014 and the County Attorney said that once the Board approves them, which they did, they could not be changed. Moved Jefferson, second Graves to approve the minutes from July 8, 2014 and July 3, 2014 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: Weller attended the Bader Park meeting; Helgoth attended the 4-H building meeting last Wednesday, July 16, 2014; Wiegert attended the Central District Health meeting Monday, July 14, 2014, and Mid Plains meetings, Monday, July 21, 2014.

Officials report: Treasurer Bolte present her six month report to the Board. Gary Berry gave the Board a brief overview of his National Veteran's meeting he attended and informed the Board that he has had 181 veterans go through his office so far this year and to let everyone know that he is not retiring. Extension Educator, Tammy Stuhr said the fair starts tomorrow with clothing day and 4H night tomorrow night. The Extension Office will be closed tomorrow for the fair.

Liquor license: Steve Loeffelbein, DBA Nite Crawlers Bar & Grill, came before the Board to ask of their approval of a special liquor license for a concert and bull riding event in Worms, NE on August 15, and 16th in the back of his business. Moved Weller, second Kucera to approve the special liquor license for Steve Loeffelbein, DBA Nite Crawlers Bar & Grill for a concert and bull riding event in Worms, NE on August 15, and 16th in the back of his business. Roll Call: Ayes: Graves, Helgoth, Kucera, Hahn, Kucera, Weller, and Wiegert. Nays: Jefferson.

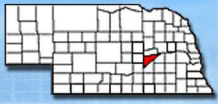
Mid-Nebraska Budget request: The Mid-Nebraska Individual Services, Inc. 2014-2015 budget request was presented to the Board for \$7,845.00, the same as last year.

Conditional Use: Brad Marshall with Olsson Associates, spoke on behalf of Winfield Solutions and Brian and Cathy Blauhorn. On May 12, 2014 a conditional use application came before the County Board for approval. County Attorney Homolka advised the Board that the wording on the conditional use be amended concerning the natural drainage involving Schwartz property. The amended language was not what County Attorney Homolka wanted, but she said it was up to the Board's discretion whether or not to accept it. She said the Planning and Zoning Board had recommended approval of the conditional use application with the old wording. Weller said he would be abstaining from voting. Marshall said the plans for the project will go through Planning and Zoning and they will request a building permit. Lila Schwarz, and Brian and Cathy Blauhorn were also present. The survey has been completed. Marshall said the water way is in the northwest corner and nothing in the drawing should be anywhere near it. They said that there would be three to five employees for operation. There will be three full time and two part time who would eventually go to full time. Moved Weller, second Helgoth to approve the conditional use application for the project for Winfield Solutions, LLC in the SW1/4SE1/4 in 8-14-7 with the amended wording and for them to go ahead with their project. Roll Call: Ayes: Graves, Hahn, Kucera, Helgoth, and Wiegert. Nays: Jefferson. Abstain: Weller.

RESOLUTION 2014-14: RESOLUTION 2014-14 was presented to the Board for approval to direct the Treasurer to transfer \$250,000.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund to cover July expenses and payroll. Moved Graves, second Jefferson to approve RESOLUTION 2014-14 directing the Treasurer to transfer \$250,000.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund to cover July expenses and payroll. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Voting Booth: Election Commissioner Wichmann said an old voting booth was located at the 4-H Building. It is in a long, heavy metal box. She would like to know if she can contact the Historical Society and see if they would like to have it. Moved Kucera, second Jefferson to have the Election Commissioner contact the Historical Society to see if they would want an old polling booth and give it to them if they want it. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Unemployment: County Clerk Wichmann said she had received a bill for unemployment on a former employee and it was due August 10, 2014. The next Board meeting is not until August 12, 2014 for claims approval and so there would be a penalty. Wichmann asked if the Treasurer could pay it out of the Treasurer's petty cash fund. Moved Graves, second



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Hahn to approve the Treasurer paying the unemployment bill for a former employee out of the Treasurer's petty cash fund to avoid a penalty. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Excise tax: County Clerk Wichmann told the Board that Strong Financial had contacted her and asked if she had been contacted by Mid-American Benefits, who handed the insurance buy back for the County on paying an excise tax. Wichmann had not and it was due to the Federal IRS by August 1, 2014. The amount the County owed was \$107.00. Wichmann asked the Board if this could be paid out of the Treasurer's petty cash fund because the next Board meeting was August 10, 2014 to pay claims. Moved Jefferson, second Helgoth to allow the Treasurer to pay the excise tax for the County for the insurance buy back out the Treasurer's petty cash fund. Roll Call: All Ayes.

4-H building project: Tammy Stuhr, Extension Educator, informed the Board that the Merrick Foundation is entertaining an endowment fund in regards to the 4-H building project. The current estimate on the water/sewer is \$150,000.00. They are looking into a campground improvement grant. The new 4-H building would possibly replace the poultry building and the 4-H building. They would like to build it northwest of the current 4-H building. The block grant that Stuhr had mentioned in an earlier meeting did not fit this project, Stuhr said, so they did not apply for it. The fundraising program that was scheduled to start on the 23 was postpone until the livestock sale during the fair. Stuhr said that NACO recommends using DA Davidson for bonds. The bond process will take 45 days. All paperwork would have to be done by October 15, 2014 for levying purposes. Helgoth said the County could pay the water project out of the Inheritance Fund and have the bonds pay it back. Stuhr said that she wanted to know if the Board wanted her to send out Request for Proposals out on the behalf of the Supervisors and the Ag Society. Moved Weller, second Kucera to direct Stuhr to send out Request for Proposals on behalf of the Supervisors and the Ag Society. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Tax asking: County Clerk Wichmann gave the Board the tax asking for the Palmer Fire District, Platte Valley Fire District, Vieregg Township, Clarksville Township, and Prairie Island Township for 2014-2015 fiscal year.

July 2014 payroll: The July 2014 payroll was presented to the Board for approval: General: Gross: \$98,922.45 Net: \$71,384.89 Roads: Gross: \$49,526.05 Net: \$33,956.73 Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$3,015.55 Net: \$2,134.79. Moved Weller, second Kucera to pay the July 2014 payroll as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Hahn, Graves, Jefferson, Weller, and Wiegert. Ayes to only the ones they signed were Helgoth and Kucera.

Adjourn: Moved Helgoth, second Kucera to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk